

Berkeley County Sheriff's Office



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The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office has been approved for a continuation of the Highway Safety Grant for Alcohol Countermeasures. The Sheriff's Office first applied for the DUI Grant in September of 2009, and received \$311,149 to help fight the immense problem of DUI fatalities within the county.

With the success of the DUI Team throughout Berkeley County in reducing alcohol-related fatalities, the Sheriff's Office applied for a second year continuation of the grant. On September 24th, 2010 the Sheriff Office received another \$177,223 to help the DUI Team intercept impaired drivers and other traffic violators in Berkeley County.

Since the implementation of the DUI Team the county has seen a significant reduction in overall fatalities associated with impaired drivers. In an effort to further reduce DUI fatalities in the county, through proactive means, the officers give lectures to teenagers at the local high schools during special events, cover parades and festivals in and around communities, speak at churches and civic clubs, and provide training through audio visual aids to the public.

Sheriff Wayne DeWitt says safety for the citizen's of Berkeley County is always a priority for the DUI Team and that their aggressive approach towards detecting impaired drivers allows families and individuals to travel the roadways without becoming the victim of an impaired motorist.

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